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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, SA

SUBJ: SANG MODERNIZATION PROPOSAL

REF: A. GENEVA 6740 B. JIDDA 5595

1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH PRINCE ABDULLA, GUARD COMMANDER, 24 DEC, TO RELAY USG POSITION ON HIS REQUEST FOR SAM AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. PRESENTATION FOLLOWED LINES PARA 3 REFTEL B, AND CONCLUDED WITH OFFER VULCAN SYSTEM. ABDULLA ACCEPTED USG POSITION AND STATED HE DOES DESIRE VULCAN INCLUDED IN PROPOSAL.

2. ABDULLA RAISED SOME CONCERN OVER REARS TWO BATTALION PROPOSAL MEANT WE WOULD LIMIT OUR PROGRAM AND WITHDRAW ALL SUPPORT UPON COMPLETION OF TWO BATTALION MODERNIZATION. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT 19 MARCH 73 MOU COVERS BROAD RANGE OF MODERNIZATION TO INCLUDE TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT, CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES, AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE GUARD; THAT THE MECHANIZATION MODERNIZATION WOULD HAVE AS AN

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INITIAL PHASE TWO BATTALIONS WITH SUBSEQUENT PRIORITIES

TO BE DEVELOPED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. ABDULLA ACCEPTED THIS CLARIFICATION.

3. ABDULLAH THEN INDICATED IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY EMBARRASSING FOR HIM TO GO TO KING WITH MODERNIZATION PROPOSAL THAT LIMITED TO ONLY TWO BATTALIONS. HE POINTED OUT THAT H.M. HAD AUTHORIZED HIM TO MODERNIZE FOUR AND KING WOULD WONDER WHY SMALLER PROGRAM ARRIVED AT. ABDULLAH THEREFORE ASKED IF AMBASSADOR COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH ROUGH BUDGETARY ESTIMATES OF WHAT MODERNIZATION OF TWO ADDITIONAL BATTALIONS WOULD COST IF DECISION EVENTUALLY MADE TO PROCEED IN THIS DIRECTION. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT FOR PURPOSES OF ILLUSTRATION AND STRICTLY AS ESTIMATES SUCH FIGURES COULD BE PROVIDED. THIS HAS BEEN DONE BY LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO PRINCE ABDULLAH DATED DECEMBER 26 (SEE SPTEL).

4. ABDULLAH EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH GUARD MODERNIZATION PROJECT, AND IN CONCLUDING REMARKS INDICATED HE LOOKED FORWARD TO ITS GETTING UNDERWAY SHORTLY.
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